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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN VICE PRESIDENT EXPLAINS CAIRO POLICIES TO
NIMEIRI

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1. NIMEIRI'S KEY FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR MANSOUR KHALID CONFIRMED TO ME DEC 9 THAT MAIN PURPOSES EGYPTIAN VICE PRESIDENT MUBARAK'S FLYING VISIT HERE (REFTEL) WERE: (A) TO BRIEF NIMEIRI RE EGYPTIAN MIDEAST PEACE MOVES; AND (B) TO REASSURE GOS RE LIMITED EXTENT RECENT EGYPTIAN/SOVIET CONTACT. ON FORMER, MUBARAK EXPLAINED RECENT EGYPTIAN PROPOSALS IN SOME DETAIL AND RECEIVED FULL GOS BACKING.

2. WITH RESPECT SOVIET CONTACT, MUBARAK TOLD NIMEIRI THERE NO CHANCE OF EGYPT RETURNING TO CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH USSR WHICH HAD EXISTED PRIOR OCTOBER WAR. HE NOTED SOVIETS HAD SOME WEEKS AGO APPROACHED CAIRO TO STIMULATE EARLY RECONVENING GENEVA CONFERENCE AND HAD BEEN REBUFFED. SADAT IS SAID TO HAVE REMARKED THAT THIS PLOY OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED EMBARRASS AMERICANS IN ELECTION/TRANSITION PERIOD BUT HE DID NOT WISH TO DO THIS. KHALID COMMENTED THAT SIGNS LOOK PROMISING FOR PROGRESS ON MID-EAST ISSUE NEXT YEAR AND NOTED PARTICULARLY ISRAELI INITIATIVE IN SUBMITTING DRAFT RESOLUTION DURING CURRENT UNGA DEBATE.

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3. ON BILATERAL MATTERS, KHALID SAID TWO COUNTRIES WOULD BE

PROCEEDING WITH "ECONOMIC INTEGRATION" BY WHICH WAS MEANT
SIMPLY JOINT FUNCTIONAL COOPERATION IN SPECIFIC FIELDS. THERE
WAS STILL RESIDUE OF MUTUAL DISTRUST IN BOTH COUNTRIES WHICH
HE THOUGHT IN PROCESS OF DISAPPEARING BUT ONE COULD NOT FORCE
THE PACE.
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